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SUBJECT: FOOD AID FOR INDIA

1. REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS PARTIAL TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE BY WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN NOVEMBER 15 IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM PRESS ON U.S. POSTURE AT ROME CONFERENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SECRETARY BUTZ, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WENT ON TELEVISION LAST NIGHT AND SAID THAT CRITICS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOOD PROGRAM HAD FAILED TO NOTE THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF GRAIN RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. THIS IS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR UNDER PL 480 FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND THE AMOUNTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED 300,000 TONS OF GRAIN TO INDIA, 250,000 TONS TO BANGLADESH AND 300,000 TONS TO EGYPT, AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE RECEIVED AMERICAN SHIPMENTS UNDER PL 480 IN SMALLER AMOUNTS. END TEXT. ---

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3. UNAWARE THAT PRESS PICKED UP 300,000 TON FIGURE. FOR

TIME BEING, WE ARE STICKING TO "NO FINAL DECISION" LINE.
THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT PRESS QUERIES HERE. INGERSOLL

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